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SUBJECT: CYPRUS

FOR SISCO FROM MACOMBER

GENEVA FOR HARTMAN

REF: STATE 173210

1. WITH RESPECT TO REFTTEL, I BELIEVE THERE IS NO REPEAT NOT DOUBT IN TURKEY'S MIND CONCERNING THE EFFECT ON THE GENEVA CONFERENCE OF AN AIR STRIKE AT THIS TIME. I DO NOT BELIEVE SUCH A STRIKE IS CONTEMPLATED IN THE ABSENCE OF WHAT APPEARS TO TURKS AS SERIOUS NEW ADVERSE MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS IN CYPRUS. THE ALERTS I HAVE REPORTED CONTINUE, AND WE CONTINUE TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT THEM. OUR BEST JUDGMENT, HOWEVER, IS THAT THEY DO NOT PRESAGE AN UNPROVOKED TURKISH INITIATIVE IN THE PERIOD IMMEDIATELY AHEAD.

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2. GIVEN: (1) TURKISH DETERMINATION AND STUBBORNNESS,

(2) ITS OCCASIONALLY IMPRESSIVE IMPERVIOUSNESS TO INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS, AND THE ADVICE OF ITS FRIENDS, AND (3) TURKEY'S MASSIVE MILITARY DOMINANCE ON CYPRUS AND ON THE ADJACENT TURKISH MAINLAND, -- WE CANNOT ALTOGETHER RULE OUT POSSIBILITY THAT TURKS WILL AGAIN INITIATE MAJOR HOSTILITIES ON THE ISLAND ESPECIALLY IF GENEVA II BEGINS SERIOUSLY TO DETERIORATE.

3. MY BELIEF IS THAT GOT WISHES TO ACHIEVE SOLUTION AT GENEVA, IS REASONABLY CONFIDENT THAT A SOLUTION CAN BE REACHED THERE, AND IS PREPARED TO "GIVE" SOMEWHAT MORE IN NEGOTIATIONS THERE THAN ITS INITIAL POSTURING WILL SUGGEST. BUT THERE ARE LIMITS TO THIS GIVE. IF TURKS GET IDEA THAT WORLD IS GANGING UP ON THEM TO BREACH THESE LIMITS, OUR CONCERN HERE IS THAT COOLER TURKISH HEADS COULD BE OVERRULED AND A NEW TURKISH MILITARY INITIATIVE THREATENED.  
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